



# FIELD CROPS

## POTATO STOCKS

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### POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 167 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago.

Disappearance of 237 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.6 million cwt, is up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above two years ago.

Processors used 120 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. February usage of 18.8 million cwt is 1 percent above last year and 3 percent above two years ago. Dehydrators used 26.1 million cwt to date, down 7 percent from last year.

Western States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, down 6 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 6 percent from last year, Washington decreased 3 percent, Colorado's storages held 21 percent less, and California lost 10 percent. Oregon's sheds stored 11 percent more than last year and Montana increased 4 percent.

Central States accounted for 42.1 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, up 18 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Both North Dakota and Minnesota stocks increased 30 percent from last year's level, while Michigan gained 4 percent. Nebraska and Ohio combined are up 30 percent, while Wisconsin's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 21 percent from last year and 34 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent, New York's gained 150 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 17 percent.

**FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2003 and 2004** <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2003	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2004	March as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	4,264	2,000	47	3,444	1,800	52
Colorado	27,885	13,100	47	23,652	10,300	44
Idaho	133,385	62,000	46	123,180	58,000	47
Maine	16,960	8,000	47	17,030	8,900	52
Michigan	13,878	4,500	32	15,015	4,700	31
Minnesota	18,700	7,400	40	22,330	9,600	43
Montana	3,224	2,800	87	3,339	2,900	87
Nebraska <sup>2/</sup>	8,611			9,860		
New York	5,500	600	11	6,510	1,500	23
North Dakota	23,460	10,000	43	27,440	13,000	47
Ohio <sup>2/</sup>	903			1,290		
Oregon	24,936	9,900	40	20,991	11,000	52
Pennsylvania	2,590	600	23	3,915	700	18
Washington	92,400	30,500	33	93,150	29,500	32
Wisconsin	31,125	11,000	35	32,800	11,000	34
Other States		2,910			3,790	
Total 15 States	407,821	165,310	41	403,946	166,690	41

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

<sup>2/</sup> Combined into "Other States".

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
<i>1,000 cwt</i>									
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2001	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
	2002	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640				
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2001	1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
	2002	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003	1,590	2,095	2,725	3,415				
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2001	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
	2002	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003 <sup>3/</sup>	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210				
Other States <sup>4/</sup>	2001	13,170	14,925	19,000	22,115	24,655	27,815	30,460	37,740
	2002	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003	12,570	15,410	18,760	21,890				
Total	2001	65,405	80,005	96,270	114,585	131,620	148,100	166,575	195,505
	2002	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003 <sup>3/</sup>	71,140	86,755	101,355	120,155				
Dehydrated <sup>5/</sup>	2001 <sup>6/</sup>								38,581
	2002	15,670	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,910	36,105	40,455	48,943
	2003	14,250	18,370	22,050	26,100				

<sup>1/</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3/</sup> February revised.

<sup>4/</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002 and 2003.

<sup>5/</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

<sup>6/</sup> No monthly data available.

#### FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1994 through 2003

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 <sup>1/</sup>
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>								
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,821	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
2003	403,946	267,860	233,880	200,530	166,690			

<sup>1/</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.